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*The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) is a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. Through federal funding, the GOSV annually sponsors [16 AmeriCorps State programs](#) that support over 1,000 AmeriCorps members. These members provide support for disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families in Maryland. The GOSV also advocates for effective volunteer program management and recognizes volunteer service across the state on behalf of the Governor of Maryland.*

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## **GOSV Announces \$2.2 million in AmeriCorps Formula Grants**

Federal AmeriCorps grant funding helps address critical needs at the community level

**Baltimore, MD (September 25, 2014)** – The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) announced today that 13 organizations in Maryland have received AmeriCorps Formula Grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The GOSV will distribute more than \$2.2 million in funding to organizations selected in a state-wide competitive process.

In total, the GOSV has received over \$3.8 million in AmeriCorps grants through the formula grant cycle and the national grant competition announced in June. These grants will support over 1,000 AmeriCorps members who will serve in Maryland to strengthen education, provide disaster services, assist veterans and military families, preserve the environment, expand health services, and foster economic opportunity. [A complete list of the 2014-2015 AmeriCorps programs is available at GOSV.maryland.gov.](#)

The AmeriCorps grants will support state-wide and local nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and local government agencies. AmeriCorps members supported by these grants will earn Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or to pay back student loans.

Often referred to as the "domestic Peace Corps," AmeriCorps provides opportunities for individuals to serve in communities across the nation. AmeriCorps members tackle some of the nation's toughest problems, providing support for disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. Since 1994, 21,000 Maryland residents have served over 28 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$62.2 million.

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